THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 92.5% of the Golden Quadrilateral comprising of Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata-Delhi has been completed as on 30.06.2006.

(b) 84% of the Delhi-Kolkata Section of the Golden Quadrilateral has been completed. In Uttar Pradesh, out of 755 Km. under the proejct 556 Km. has been completed and 199 Km. is under implementation.

(c) 96% of Golden Quadrilateral Project is targeted to be completed by December, 2006. Balance of 4 per cent stretches are affected due to non-performance of contractor, reward of terminated contracts and also award of Allahabad bypass in 2004 with completion date in 2007.

Construction of By-passes around Jaipur

†1138 SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to construct by-passes around Jaipur given the huge traffic on National Highway;

(b) if so, by when Government would give clearance to construction by by-passes linking Ajmer-Jaipur road (NH-8) to Jaipur-Tonk road (NH-12), Tonk-Jaipur road (NH-12) to Jaipur-Agra road (NH-11) and Agra-Jaipur road (NH-11) to Jaipur-Delhi road (NH-8); and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is already a Jaipur by-pass on western side of National Highway 8 connecting Delhi-Jaipur (National Highway 8) to Jaipur-Bikaner (National Highway 11) to Jaipur-Ajmer (National Highway 8).

(b) and (c) The need for by-passes around important cities including Jaipur is to be convered under phase-VII of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which is yet to be approved by the Government.

Evaluation of road project

1139 SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Road Transport has asked Government to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.